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TAGS: OVIP (SCHLESINGER, JAMES), PFOR, FR

SUBJECT: SECDEF VISIT TO PARIS: PRESS RELEASE AND
COMMUNIQUE

1. WE HAVE WORKED OUT WITH MOD FOLLOWING DRAFT PRESS
ANNOUNCEMENT FOR APPROVAL BY SECDEF. FRENCH SUGGEST
THAT RELEASE BE MADE SIMULTANEOUSLY ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER
6 IN PARIS AND IN WASHINGTON. FRENCH TEXT OF DRAFT
RELEASE FOLLOWS TOGETHER WITH INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION.

2. FRENCH TEXT: "M. JAMES R. SCHLESINGER, LE AMERICAIN
DE LA DEFENSE SE RENDRA EN
FRANCE DU 28 SEPTEMBRE AU 1ER OCTOBRE, A L'INVITATION
DE M. YVON BOURGES, MINISTRE FRANCAIS DE LA DEFENSE.

"OUTRE LES ENTRETIENS QU'IL AURA AVEC SON HOMOLOGUE
FRANCAIS, M. SCHLESINGER SERA RECU PAR LE PREMIER
MINISTRE ET EFFECTUERA EN PROVINCE QUELQUES VISITES
D'INSTALLATIONS MILITAIRES."

EMBASSY TRANSLATION: "MR. JAMES R. SCHLESINGER,
AMERICAN SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILL VISIT FRANCE FROM
SEPTEMBER 28 TO OCTOBER 1 AT THE INVITATION OF MR. YVON
BOURGES, FRENCH MINISTER OF DEFENSE. IN ADDITION TO
THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH HE WILL HAVE WITH HIS FRENCH
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COUNTERPART, MR. SCHLESINGER WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE

PRIME MINISTER AND WILL VISIT SEVERAL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS OUTSIDE OF PARIS."

3. NEITHER WE NOR FRENCH MOD HAVE RAISED QUESTION OF POSSIBLE JOINT COMMUNIQUE TO BE ISSUED AT THE END OF SECDEF'S VISIT. WE RECALL THAT SEPTEMBER 1973 VISIT OF FRENCH MINISTER OF THE ARMED FORCES GALLEY TO WASHINGTON WAS SUBJECT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE.

4. ACTION: WE WOULD APPRECIATE SECDEF'S CONCURRENCE REGARDING TEXT OF JOINT PRESS RELEASE IN PARA 2 ABOVE AS WELL AS SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE DESCRIBED IN PARA 1 ABOVE. IF SECDEF WISHES US TO PURSUE THE IDEA OF A JOINT COMMUNIQUE WITH MOD, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING SUGGESTED TEXT TO PRESENT TO MOD.
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